

DEVELOPMENTS AT STRIKE QUARTERS

Statement Issued By Committee Calls Labor Conditions Here Bad.

MASS MEETING ON SUNDAY

Illness of G. A. Wilbur, Chairman, Declared to Be Only Slight.

The development of the day at strike headquarters in the Washington Loan and Trust Building included: Issuance of a statement by the general committee declaring that labor conditions in Washington were greatly to the disadvantage of street car employees compared with other cities. The announcement that at a meeting tonight with the Central Labor Union arrangements will be made for a mass meeting for next Sunday to determine future action by the strikers. Announcement that the local union strikers will meet at 10:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. tomorrow in Typographical Temple to take action of financial matters of the union.

The illness of G. A. Wilbur, chairman of the strikers committee, was announced to be only temporary. He will report at headquarters tonight.

Care's Use Forbidden

Garth Calderhead, financial secretary of the union, declared that regulations of numerous unions prohibited members from patronizing street cars operated by strike breakers. The penalty for violation ranges from a fine of \$5 to expulsion from the union. Organized labor issued a statement declaring the amalgamated association instructs all its members to lawfully conduct themselves and not attempt the destruction of property. The official statement signed by officials of the strikers' organization was as follows:

"The situation today is very good. Our men are standing firm, and we are becoming better organized every day. We now have our membership divided into seven districts, to which the men report every day. These districts are handled by two committees, who direct the pickets in their work."

"Meetings of the men are held each day at the respective places in the districts. There will be a meeting this evening between our committee and the executive committee of the Central Labor Union of Washington, for the purpose of arranging a demonstration and public mass meeting to take place next Sunday at some point to be agreed upon by these committees."

Encouraging Stand.

"Many citizens not connected with the labor unions are calling on us every day, encouraging us to stand united and not to give up our fight and assuring us of their co-operation and support. "We note in the advertisement that Mr. King, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, is still claiming that we had demanded that all employees should become members of our union. Mr. King well knows that that proposition was withdrawn and that we offered to accept on that question the same proposition that was granted the Capital Traction Company and accepted by their employees."

"But we note, also, in the King advertisement that he does not inform the public that prior to the time of the formation of our union the company did have what they called a beneficial organization, to which they compelled every employee to join, and if they did not join his job and was dismissed from the service of the Washington Railway and Electric Company."

"We again repeat that the issues in this struggle are clear. We are demanding the right of defining a body, of collective bargaining which the company is opposing for financial reasons."

"The condition of our employment up to last Sunday was that we had to serve an apprenticeship of ten years before we reached the maximum of 27 cents per hour. This is practically the longest period and the lowest wages prevailing in America."

Asks Comparison.

"We would ask you to compare the maximum pay after ten years prevailing in Washington, which is 27 cents per hour, with that paid to the members of our association in some of the other cities, where the employees are organized and have established the right of collective bargaining."

"Worcester, Mass., after three years in service, pays 34 cents per hour."

"Detroit, Mich., after eighteen months in the service, pays 35 cents per hour."

"East Liverpool, Ohio, after three years in the service, pays 32 cents per hour."

"Pittsburgh, Pa., after four years in service, pays 35 cents per hour."

"New Castle, Pa., after two years in service, pays 33 1/2 cents per hour."

"Youngstown, Ohio, after two years in service, pays 33 1/2 cents per hour."

"Troy, N. Y., after one year in service, pays 31 cents an hour."

"Albany, N. Y., after one year in service, pays 30 cents per hour."

"Sharon, Pa., after two years in service, pays 33 cents per hour."

"Cleveland, Ohio, after one year in service, pays 34 cents per hour."

In San Francisco, the men own and municipally owned and operated lines receive from the time they enter the service 24 cents per hour."

"We could go on with city after city throughout the United States and Canada, showing this condition, which to our minds is absolute proof that the real issue and reasons for Mr. King to oppose us is his determination to destroy our organization and place us back in individual positions, and thereby rob us of the rights of collective bargaining."

(Signed) "JOHN W. CAIN, "M. T. SLATER."

CONDEMN "WILFUL TWELVE."

A petition signed by citizens of Southampton, New York, referring to the "twelve wilful men" who prevented a vote on the armed neutrality bill as "a disgraceful few" who "played shameful politics" and "condemning their acts as prompted by cowardice and as being 'patriotic'" was presented to the Senate today.

CONCERT TODAY

BY THE U. S. SOLDIERS HOME BAND ORCHESTRA, STANLEY HALL, AT 8:30 P. M.
JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMAN, Director.
March, "Lakeside".....Lake
Overture, "The Crusades".....Rollins
Romance.....McKee
(a) "The Miracle of Love".....McKee
(b) "I Know That I Got More Than My Share".....Clark
Selection, "Pomp and Circumstances".....Pomp
Rag, "Sandy River".....Allen
Solo, "I'm Waiting for You".....Solace
Solo, "Jolly Fellow".....Vondert
Solo, "The Wearing of the Green".....Mohr
Solo, "The Star-Spangled Banner".....Mohr

LICENSE HEARING IS MARKED BY CLASH

Attorneys for Applicant and Anti-Saloon League Have Verbal Tilt.

Marked by a verbal conflict between A. H. Bell, attorney for the applicant, and A. E. Shoemaker, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, which ended with an appeal from Henry S. Baker, acting chairman, not to indulge in personalities, a hearing on the application of P. J. Daly for a barroom license at 626 Four-and-a-half street southwest was held by the Excise Board today. Mr. Daly has twice appeared before the board during the current year. Both former applications have been rejected. In opposing today the granting of a license Mr. Shoemaker characterized as "presumption" the action of Mr. Daly in again applying. Referring to the word, Mr. Bell declared it was presumptuous in Mr. Shoemaker, "a non-resident and non-taxpayer of the District of Columbia," to appear before the board in opposition to the interests of District residents.

Mr. Shoemaker replied that he is a part owner of two estates in the District, and as such paid taxes here, and that his appearance before the board was the representative of a substantial organization and not personal.

Mr. Baker upheld the right of Mr. Daly to reapply, saying there was nothing about the excuse law to prevent such action.

The application of Frank P. Hall for a barroom license at 1000 Seventh street southwest also was considered. The board reserved decision in both cases.

EXPECT FURTHER RETREAT

British Look for General German Retirement in North France.

LONDON, March 14.—The German retreat around Bapaume under British pressure may presage abandonment of the entire line from Bapaume to Beaumont, near Arras.

Viewing the fall of Bapaume as certain within the next few days, military experts today pointed out that with the British occupying this important strategic point, the loop in the front to the north between that city and the German lines opposite Arras was likely to be untenable for the enemy. It would constitute a constant invitation for an encircling flanking movement from British forces southward from Arras and northward from Bapaume.

England was vastly interested today in the explanation of Major Morant, printed in the Berliner Tageblatt, according to Holland dispatches. It elaborately explained the well-known strategic tactics of Von Hindenburg, as exhibited in previous campaigns on the eastern front. "In order to gain ample space for strategic movements," was construed here as designed to prepare the German public for a German withdrawal on the western front.

Major Morant declares the ground evacuated by the Germans is poor terrain for fighting.

Meanwhile the British forces are pushing steadily ahead, methodically strengthening their positions on the newly won ground.

TO PRESS FIGHT ON FRATS

School Commission Will Discuss Adoption of Drastic Measures.

Whether the total abolition of the high school secret society should be attempted by the Board of Education was discussed at a meeting of a commission appointed by the board at the Franklin School this afternoon. Among the topics to be discussed by the commission, consisting of the principals of all the high schools with two members of the faculty of each, the investigating committee of the board and three citizens, will be the relation of the societies to the social organization of the school system, according to Dr. John R. Van Schaick, Jr., president of the Board of Education.

"I think it likely that we will have to take stronger steps to prohibit any violation of the rules," Dr. Van Schaick said.

GRANDMA VS. GRANDMA.

Old Alienation Suit Is Dismissed by a New Jersey Judge.

NEW YORK, March 14.—An alienation suit, which dates back to 1880, the plaintiff and defendant in which are now grandmothers, has been dismissed by Judge Nizer, in the Warren county, N. J., circuit court.

Mrs. Sarah Snover charged that Hartie Wilver had alienated the affections of Thomas L. Snover, of Blairtown, and that the first act of alienation took place in 1880.

"The complaint sets out a completed offense as of December 12, 1880, at which time no cause of action would lie therefore," said the judge. "None existed until the passage of the act of 1908. To set out a complete offense in 1880 and then state the defendant did continue to alienate in manner aforesaid is not sufficient."

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For Infants and Children

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INTRIGUE MAKES JAPAN OUR FRIEND

Result of Germany's Efforts Now Clear to Lansing and Ambassador Sato.

Japanese diplomacy, working in hearty cooperation with the American State Department, has now effectively checked and exposed the efforts of the German government to create mutual distrust between Japan and the United States.

The net result of Germany's efforts is now clear to Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Sato, the Japanese ambassador here. It has brought about a more friendly relationship between Tokyo and Washington and a more candid understanding than probably has ever before existed.

Summary of Results.

The direct results of the Zimmermann note may be authoritatively summarized as follows, so far as the relations between Japan and the United States are concerned:

First—It provided Secretary Lansing with an ideal opportunity most favorably to impress Japanese public opinion by stating officially and with-out qualification that he had every confidence in the friendship of Japan and scouted the idea of Japan entertaining any suggestion of an alliance with Germany against the United States.

Second—It provided the Tokio Foreign Office and the Japanese Premier with an excellent opportunity to assure the American people that Germany's intrigue would be indignantly rejected by the Japanese government, which would enter into no compact with an enemy against a friendly power.

Third—It has brought the United States and Japan into such close relationship that the two countries virtually will occupy the bulk of the line in the Far East, the moment hostilities break out between Germany and the United States.

Attention To Atlantic.

This friendly attitude of Japan will, it is explained, enable President Wilson to give his whole attention to the Atlantic without the necessity of keeping an eye on the Pacific.

In diplomatic circles it is not believed that the persistent efforts of Berlin to make it appear that Japan is based on belief in the German foreign office that there is any real prospect of this.

At first there was undoubtedly a fixed idea among Germans that they could count on the assistance of Japan. But this idea has been dispelled, and the present German propaganda concerning Japan is simply being put out in the hope of misleading public opinion in Germany and in the United States.

NOTHING IN LETTING 'EM OUT

All Coming in and Nothing Going Out on Mt. Pleasant Line.

It's all coming in and nothing going out on the Mt. Pleasant street car line these days.

A fourteenth street car rolled leisurely along F street, picking up passengers until the car, platform, steps and all was loaded with humanity. The conductor grabbed tickets and nickels galore.

"Move up forward, please," was yelled and reiterated.

And—oh, yes, the bell on the register rang occasionally, too.

The car stopped at Florida avenue. Two bells started it again, when a sweet feminine voice from the center called out, "Wait, I want to get off here."

One more bell, and then two again; a grunt from the conductor, and all other from the motorman. On the sixth occasion of this kind, the conductor growled: "You'll have to go to the next corner."

"There ain't no money in lettin' 'em out, anyway," he muttered as the car crept on.

CRUISER BIDS OPENED

Cramps Would Build Two for \$5,950,000 Each.

Bids ranging from \$5,950,000 to \$6,120,000 each for the six newly authorized scout cruisers were opened at the Navy Department today.

Cramps Shipyard, Philadelphia, offered to construct two scout cruisers of 300,000-horsepower for \$5,980,000 each, for delivery in thirty months, and the other in thirty-two months.

For one of the cruisers they demanded \$6,120,000 for delivery in thirty months.

The Seattle Construction and Drydock Company offered to construct a scout cruiser of 300,000-horsepower in thirty months for \$5,975,000.

The Ford River Ship Corporation, of Quincy, Mass., offered to build two scout cruisers of 300,000-horsepower in thirty and thirty-one months for \$5,990,000 each.

The Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, bid \$6,000,000 the limit of cost—each for two vessels for delivery in thirty and thirty-one months.

DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNGER AND PRETTIER

Darkened Her Gray Hair So Evenly That Not a Trace Shows After Applying.

"I do not hesitate to speak of the merits of your good hair tonic. HAYS' HAIR HEALTH has darkened my faded gray hair so nicely and evenly without any one knowing that I used anything. I consider it a privilege to let others know of HAYS' HAIR HEALTH that is so beneficial to the hair. To me, it means no more worry about my gray hair that I used to be ashamed of. I can recommend it to any one who that they can profit by my experience."

Miss Ketelev, 207 Amherst St., E. Orange, N. J.

HAYS' HAIR HEALTH, a ready to use harmless Hair Color Restorer, can be applied evenly to the hair with sponge. Only 50c a bottle at People's Drug Stores. They'll give money back if not satisfactory.—Adv.

TARIFF BOARD NAMED

Prof. Tausig, Chairman, Former Congressmen Members.

President Wilson has selected members of the new tariff board as follows:

Prof. Frank Tausig, who will act as chairman; W. S. Culbertson, Kansas; William Kent, California; David J. Lewis, Maryland; E. P. Costigan, Denver; and Daniel Roper, of McCall, S. C.

Tausig has held the chair of political economy at Harvard.

Kent is a progressive Democrat who supported the President at the last election.

Culbertson has been in the legal department of the Federal Trade Commission and is considered an expert in tariff matters.

Lewis was defeated by France for the United States Senate at the last Maryland election.

Roper is a Democrat, and previous to the last election he did active work on the national campaign committee under Postmaster General Burleson.

Culbertson is a Republican, Lewis a Democrat and Costigan a Progressive.

President Wilson sent the nominations to the Senate today. The fact that two are Independents, two Democrats, one Republican and one Progressive Republican gives the commission a complexion regarded as very elastic on the tariff question.

We are constantly building up our permanent force through applicants who are being taken on daily and who are put through an intensive course of training.

Traffic suffered considerably during rush hours through tie-ups. One of these resulted from a horse falling into a railway excavation at Fifth and G streets and another occurred when a Maryland line car took the wrong switch at Fourth street and Rhode Island avenue northeast.

The F street, Mt. Pleasant, and Georgetown lines were held up more than half an hour by the fallen horse and the cars from Riverdale, Hyattsville and Berwyn were tied up for more than an hour.

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within their zones to reliable persons. This, I believe, would be going a great way toward bringing success to the movement and securing reliable persons to cultivate such different pieces of vacant ground.

This is the procedure we are endeavoring to follow in the Mid-City Citizens' Association and on every lot we have donated to us, and we have the promise of several, we propose to erect a sign reading as follows:

"Lot Loaned to the Mid-City Citizens' Association."

"Under Cultivation by Private Property. Please do not trespass."

"A piece of ground that has never been planted will require so much fertilizing that the cost would be rather high. I think that expense can be readily overcome by the use of street sweepings as fertilizer, which will be greater the more it is done elsewhere. This fertilizer can easily be had, as the Commissioners are only too willing to co-operate in this movement. The sweepings can be obtained readily by asking the street sweeping department at the District building."

"We expect to have our list of vacant and obtainable lots complete by this evening. We will then be in a position to assign them to the first applicants, and will agree to furnish for planting of the first piece of ground assigned for gardening purposes."

Work Has Its Reward.

The entire product of each piece of ground cultivated will, of course, go to those planting and looking after the same. Judging by what is being done along this line in other cities, and by what was accomplished here a few years ago, it is safe to predict that those cultivating and planting not only vacant lots, but their back yards, will be amply repaid for their efforts and labor.

"The majority of our residents have been devoting their time and attention to the planting and growing of beautiful and attractive flowers and shrubberies. Why not change off this year and substitute the substantial for the beautiful?"

LEARN THRIFT, IS ADVICE

Miss Beers Also Urges Cultivation of Vacant Lot Near Home.

Cultivate the vacant lot near your home and learn thrift, was the advice given by Miss Anne Beers, supervising principal of the eighth grade at a meeting of the Weightman section of the Grant-Toner-Weightman Parent-Teacher Association, at the Weightman School yesterday.

Thrift and saving were stated to be entirely different. Actual money in the bank does not of necessity mean thrift, Miss Beers said. Persons without any money in bank were sometimes thriftier than those with large bank accounts, she asserted.

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Pupils of the school took part in a musical program. George Vermilion, an eighth grade pupil, sang a solo. Little girls from the lower grades played and sang. They were Margaret Davis, Virginia Chittin, Lucille Stone, and Henrietta Hallman. Seventh grade pupils gave a costume dance.

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\$100.00 In Gold For the Best Gardens

The Times for the purpose of encouraging the growing of vegetables in back yards and vacant lots offers \$100 in gold for the best gardens in the District, as follows:

For the best garden...\$50

For the second best...\$25

For the third best...\$15

For the fourth best...\$10.

Those who wish to contest for these prizes should write to the Garden Editor, Washington Times, giving name of contestant and location of prospective garden. The board of judges will be chosen from well-known agricultural authorities.

FALL OF BAPAUME IN WEEK PREDICTED

Latest British Victory Directly Menaces Citadel of German Salient.